

Ouray National Wildlife Refuge Vegetation Mapping Project

Shadscale / James' galleta Shrubland (Map Code 23)

Location: *Atriplex confertifolia* Shrubland is typically distributed on gravel and cobble outcrops/exposures that are found on mesa edges in the vicinity of the Leota Bottom and Johnson Bottom overlooks, bluff toeslopes in the vicinity of both Headquarters and the Fish Hatchery, and rolling hills along the Green River near Wyasket Bottom. One stand was observed growing on deep, silty clay soils, about two miles northwest of the Johnson Bottom overlook parking area.

Signature: This type had a signature similar to barren lands; blue-grey with no texture. Most of the shadscale was delineated by extensive field verification.

